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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
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SUBJECT: **ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO A SOLE
SOURCE CONTRACT WITH PRACTICEWISE, LLC**

This memo is to comply with the Board of Supervisors' Policy Manual, Section 5.100, Sole Source Contract, by notifying the Board of our need to initiate a Sole Source contract. It is the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) intent to enter into new sole source contract negotiations with PracticeWise, LLC, located at 285 Wilson Avenue, Satellite Beach, FL 32937.

PracticeWise, LLC, will provide training, consultation, and technical assistance in support of implementing the Managing and Adapting Practice (MAP) program within selected Los Angeles County contracted agencies and directly-operated clinics as a result of the DMH budget curtailment and Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) transformation. Developed by PracticeWise, LLC, MAP is one of the Promising Practices (PPs) in the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) PEI Plan that DMH is implementing. DMH is providing training, consultation, and technical assistance for this practice in order to implement the PPs as quickly as possible so that there is seamless delivery of services to its consumers, clients and family members.

MAP program is designed to improve the quality, efficiency, and outcomes of children's mental health services by giving administrators and practitioners easy access to the most current scientific information and by providing user-friendly monitoring tools and clinical protocols. Using an online database, MAP program can suggest formal evidence-based programs or, alternatively, can provide detailed recommendations about discrete components of evidence-based treatments relevant to a specific youth's characteristics. Whether services are delivered through existing evidence-based programs or assembled from components, MAP program also adds a unifying evaluation framework to track outcomes and practices.

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The current state-of-the-art treatments in behavioral healthcare are evidence-based protocols targeted to defined client problems that are tested through randomized clinical trials. Client services and outcomes will be guided and evaluated using an electronic database. MAP has been used for children and youth with symptoms of anxiety, attention problems, depression, disruptive behavior, eating problems, mania, substance use, suicidality, and traumatic stress.

PracticeWise, LLC, will provide professional development, information resources, and technical assistance services to promote adoption of the MAP program by DMH contract agencies and directly-operated clinics. PracticeWise, LLC, will provide professional development, including the direct services, supervision and consultation, and training professional curriculum series, to participants identified by DMH.

Staff from PracticeWise, LLC, will be conducting the MAP training. MAP was developed by Bruce Chorpita, Ph.D., at UCLA/PracticeWise, LLC, and Eric Daleiden, Ph.D., at PracticeWise, LLC. The consultation and training services under the proposed sole source contract with DMH will be fully funded with \$2,912,432 in MHSA PEI funding. The term of the consultant agreement will be from Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11 through FY 2011-12 with an option for two (2) one-year extensions.

Unless otherwise instructed by a Board office within two weeks, DMH will proceed with negotiating the sole source contract. DMH will work closely with both County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office in preparing a new agreement with PracticeWise, LLC.

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